COMMON COUNCIL COUNCIL CHAMBERS AUGUST 21, 2012

Mayor Kristen Brown called a regular meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.

I. Meeting Called to Order

- A. Opening Prayer was given by Jenny Lowry from First Christian Church.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Brown.
- C. Roll Call was taken. Dascal Bunch, Ryan Brand, Frank Jerome, Tim Shuffett, Aaron Hankins and James Lienhoop were present. Frank Miller was absent.
- D. Dascal Bunch moved to accept the minutes from the August 7, 2012 City Council meeting. Tim Shuffett seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of six (6) to zero (0).

II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action

- A. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. 26, 2012, AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, TO REPEAL CHAPTER 8.36 OF THE COLUMBUS CITY CODE, SMOKING REGULATIONS." Kelly Benjamin, City Attorney, presented this Ordinance. Prior to the start of Kelly's presentation, Tim Shuffett moved to pass a motion to suspend proceedings to entertain discussions regarding restrictive smoking ban options. Jim Lienhoop seconded the motion. Motion to suspend proceedings passed by a vote of five (5) to one (1). Aaron Hankins voted nay. Kelly's presentation touched on many different areas related to smoking, including references to the State law, current city ordinance, smoke free policies, cigarette excise tax amounts, etc. Mayor Brown opened the floor for public comment. Stephanie Truly, representing the Tobacco Awareness Action Team, encouraged the Council to maintain a local law and consider a comprehensive smoke free air law that protects all workers from the danger of second hand smoke. Lindsey Grace with the American Lung Association of Indiana answered some questions regarding Bloomington's smoke free Ordinance. Jennifer Nulph, who works at Columbus Regional Hospital Lung Institute, would like a strong local Ordinance. Eric Riddle, an intervention professional certified by the Indiana Association of Prevention Professionals, serving at the Foundation for Youth in Bartholomew County, said his mission is to reduce youth substance abuse. He spoke in favor of passing a comprehensive smoke free Ordinance. Much discussion followed. Dascal Bunch moved to pass the second reading and repeal the Ordinance. Tim Shuffett seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of six (6) to zero (0).
- B1) Public Hearing and Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. 27, 2012, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS COMMON COUNCIL, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCOME TAX REVENUE BONDS." Jim Lienhoop, Council President, presented a five

year capital plan detailing an extensive list of the city's capital needs. Frank Jerome stated he does not agree with the logic to use bonds for capital needs. Aaron Hankins agreed with Frank and explained he doesn't feel the additional debt is necessary. Mayor Brown opened the floor for public hearing. Kent Anderson, a Columbus resident, spoke in favor of the investment for the city. Mayor Brown closed the public hearing. Jim Lienhoop moved to pass the second reading and adopt the Ordinance. Tim Shuffett seconded the motion. Motion passes by a vote of four (4) in favor and two (2) opposed. Frank Jerome and Aaron Hankins voted nay.

B2) Bond Exchange Agreement by and between City of Columbus, Indiana and First Financial Bank, National Association, as bondholder of the 2010 Bonds and purchaser of the 2012 Bonds. (City of Columbus Economic Development Income Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2012). Jim Lienhoop moved to approve the Bond Exchange Agreement between the City of Columbus and First Financial Bank. The motion was seconded by Tim Shuffett. Motion passes by a vote of four (4) to two (2). Nay votes were Frank Jerome and Aaron Hankins.

III. New Business Requiring Council Action

- A. First Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE RECEIPT BY THE CITY OF COLUMBUS OF ADDITIONAL STATE REVOLVING LOAN FUND (SRF) ASSISTANCE IN THE FORM OF A FORGIVABLE LOAN FOR THE PROJECT AUTHORIZED BY ORDINANCE NO. 17, 2009, RELATED TO THE CITY'S SEWAGE WORKS AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS." Keith Reeves, Director of Utilities, explained the State American Recovery and Rehabilitation Act previously awarded a grant to the Columbus City Utilities Department for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. He stated some communities that were awarded grants were not able to live up to the regulations; therefore, the State offered communities already involved in the program an additional portion of the unused funds. Keith said the funds would be used for sewer improvements in the Walesboro Industrial area and the additional grant money would reduce the need for local contribution. Aaron Hankins spoke against this forgivable loan stating the funds are coming from the Obama stimulus package and that Obama didn't have the constitutional authority to give out the money. Discussion followed. Tim Shuffett made a motion to pass this as a first reading and place in proper channels. Dascal Bunch seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of five (5) to one (1). Nay vote given by Aaron Hankins.
- B. First Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, REZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM "RE" (RESIDENTIAL: ESTABLISHED) TO "P" (PUBLIC/SEMI-PUBLIC FACILITIES)." (Columbus Free Methodist Church Rezoning). Jeff Bergman, Planning Director, presented a map of the area being discussed. Jeff explained that over time the Columbus Free Methodist Church has acquired several other properties within the same city block as the church and now proposes the rezoning for the area. He said the church would like to construct a parking lot. Jeff stated the Columbus Plan Commission gave a favorable recommendation by a vote of ten in favor and none opposed. Tim Shuffett said he was impressed with this plan for improvement to the neighborhood. Discussion followed. Frank Jerome moved to pass the first reading and place in proper channels. Tim Shuffett seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote of six (6) to zero (0). Tim Shuffett made a motion to suspend the rules and pass this Ordinance in one reading. Frank Jerome seconded the motion. Motion denied by a vote of five (5) in favor and one (1) opposed. Aaron Hankins voted nay.

C. Reading of a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO. 15, 2012, A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA AUTHORIZING THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITIES OF LAWRENCEBURG AND COLUMBUS REGARDING THE CITY OF LAWRENCEBURG ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT." Jeff Bergman explained this Resolution would approve a grant through which the city would receive up to \$25,000.00 from the Lawrenceburg Economic Development Grant Program for the study of floodplain issues at the Walesboro airfield. The funds would be used to reimburse the Redevelopment Commission for the cost of the study. Discussion followed. Tim Shuffett moved to pass this Resolution. Dascal Bunch seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of five (5) to one (1). Nay vote was Aaron Hankins.

IV. Other Business

A. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports. Jim Lienhoop made a motion to amend the Council's Agenda to include a nomination to the Columbus Redevelopment Commission. Tim Shuffett seconded the motion. Motion passed by vote of five (5) to one (1). Aaron Hankins voted nay. Jim Lienhoop moved to appoint Steve Scgalski to the Columbus Redevelopment Commission to replace board member Tim Shuffett. Ryan Brand seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of five (5) to one (1). Aaron Hankins voted nay.

B. Discussion Items:

Mary Ferdon, Director of Community Development, handed out a map showing the boundaries for the Columbus Arts District. She also discussed plans to gain public input and involvement with the arts district's planning process. Mary presented the newly designed graphics for this project.

Jeff Logston, Operations and Finance Director, presented an update to the Council on the 2013 proposed budget by discussing reductions in several of the departments.

Kelly Benjamin asked the Council for recommendations regarding a more restrictive smoking ban. It was decided that a special meeting would be scheduled to get public input.

- C. Next regular meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday**, **September 4**, **2012 at 6:00** o'clock P.M. in City Hall.
- D. Tim Shuffett moved to adjourn the meeting. Aaron Hankins seconded the motion. Motion to adjourn passed by a vote of six (6) to zero (0). Meeting adjourned at 8:38 P.M.

	Presiding Officer	
Attest:		
Clerk Treasurer of City of Columbus		